

Applicants' Reply To The
Rejection Of The Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 2-13 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,828,420.

Applicants have submitted concurrently with this Reply a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Applicants respectfully submit that this Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection, and therefore request that double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims 14-25

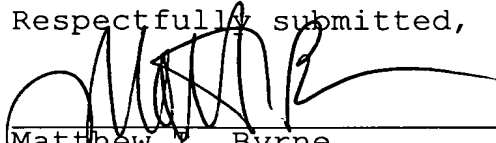
Applicants have added new claims 14-25 to more particularly define the invention. These claims are fully supported by the specification and add no new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 14-25 are allowable over the references of record because new claims 14-25 are merely method claims directed to the subject matter claimed in claims 2-13. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance.

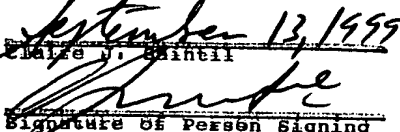
Conclusion

For at least the reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully submit that this application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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